

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claim 8 in the January 3, 2007 Office Action. Claim 8 has been amended for clarification as discussed with the Examiner during a telephone interview on December 7, 2006. Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 8 is pending.

Applicants have not yet received an initialed copy of the Form SB/08 submitted with the February 5, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 5, 2004, and that they be made of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form SB/08 next to each reference.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited. If there are any remaining issues that the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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